

Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih IV. On 27th September 1997, in White Horse - Canada

The walls of this 'library' have been painted with beautiful paintings of books. Although I had promised that God willing we would offer the Jumma at the northernmost tip of Alaska at the place nearest to the North Pole as there is the North Cape in. Although it is 60/70 meters lower than the North Cape in Norway but it is still the final frontier in the north of America nearest to the North Pole. I wish to bring to the general knowledge of the Jamat that the North Cape from where a sermon was delivered is still a Challenge from a historical point of view. That sermon was delivered from a place where it is either perpetual day or perpetual night. Apparently *Salat* had not been offered there before then. I do not think that even in the future some people would bear the difficulties and go there and offer the Friday prayers whilst addressing the whole world. Anyway with regards to the history of the past this event would be written as a unique and unparalleled occasion. Now it was desired that I should also deliver a sermon from the North Pole in America but the map of Alaska we have seen here is different. All travel to places in the extreme north is closed and not because of abundant snowfall. America offers much advertisement for most of the tourists who come to travel in Alaska. There are many scenes that appeal to the heart and draw travellers to Alaska and these paths remain open as long as tourists come in numbers they can make an income from on top of what they spend on taking care of them. When this is not the case these connections are closed. Having come here we discovered that a Bus goes towards the Arctic Circle. Mr. Lutful Rehman Khan tried to arrange for a plane and after expending all his efforts arranged for a plane that could hold 10 - 15 passengers but for this it would have to carry extra fuel Tanks in which case only 5 - 7 men could have travelled in it. This effort was futile for our convoy. Because at times this could also have been dangerous due to the weather conditions so this Program was called off.

As far as coming to Alaska is concerned this journey has not been in vain. This journey has been very informative and as far as Mr. Lutful Rehman is concerned he too had received information from the publicity Literature which shows Alaska to be exceptionally great drawing people from far off. The maps drawn proved to be completely different. We were astonished by a new world entirely. When we reached a city in the north of Alaska we had to remove our Coats and Sweaters and the Air Condition was on even in the rooms. The outside world cannot even imagine that it would be so hot in Alaska. Although it can fall to -60° but it is all dry land. It cannot be compared at all with the northern regions of Norway. It presents an astonishing example of God's artistry [and] that was the image we had come here with. Although that image was shattered but as far as an increase in knowledge is concerned our knowledge did increase. So friends should not think that this journey was in vain. There were many beautiful areas there as well, very beautiful lakes, rivers and rivulets but they come from the snow which falls a while and remains due to the cold temperature which melts into a river when it is hot. In short Alaska is a different world. Until one comes here oneself one cannot imagine it by reading about it in books. It is a dry land which was sold by Russia to America around 1840.¹ Russia's own land approaches the North Pole. The north of Canada is also beautiful. Its extreme [north] is [called] Alert. There Canada has built

¹ 1867.

stations in the name of security and scientific Research. That is the area where the Polar Bear can be seen in the summer. But during these days you would not see Polar Bear anywhere in that area. That is because it Hibernates which is when it holds its breath and breathes very slowly. Its heartbeat decreases almost to the point of non-existence. It spends some months in this state of sleep and all its fat melts away to keep it insulated and conserve warmth and energy. The Polar Bear is a very strong animal. The strength of other bears is nothing before it.

One purpose of the sermons is that the knowledge which is not exactly religious but comes under the category of 'Science' is of 2 Kinds: One Attends to the Soul, the Other Attends to the Body'.² In my sermons I often convey things to the Jamat that pertain to the physical world which results in the increase of the level of worldly knowledge of the Jamat and with the blessing of Allah it continues to increase.

Another benefit derived during this period was a benefit as well as being the cause for mental consternation. I had made some remarks in praise of my book about Homoeopathy which I had presented at the Jalsa which were wrong so I also apologise and promise that it will be corrected. Those remarks in praise were incorrect because I was misinformed. I had given a directive about the preparing a Repertory for this book and I had explained in detail as to how it should be arranged. A Repertory is the final chapter of the book on Homoeopathy whereby one can easily be directed to the remedy related to the symptoms and it can direct one to the page where the remedies are mentioned. Now when I looked at this book to find something I needed this Repertory does not even approach what I had imagined whereas I had been assured that it was prepared exactly as I had advised. The Repertory included in this book can be of no help to its readers. So I apologise to the Jamat and promise that in future God willing it would be arranged correctly and [re-]published. Syed Abdul Hayy is the best person for this task. He works with great tact and has a meticulous eye. In future the Repertory would be prepared in Rabwah.³

The second issue was that I had explained that the language of a speaker differs from the language of a writer. Many a time during a Lecture I say a word that is not intended. The live audience understands it but if you insert it verbatim into the text the reader would not be able to understand it. There are many aspects of this nature that need to be corrected in the book.

The people who worked to transfer it into book Urdu or prepare the Repertory made great efforts to this end. If they had not volunteered themselves the Jamat would not have had this book today.

Mr. Lutful Rehman should not be disappointed. His bringing us here and adding to our knowledge about Alaska and our work on Homoeopathy is Divine destiny because when this book is republished and you benefit from it the prayers would reach me, as well as those who worked earlier and you should also remember Mr. Lutful Rehman.

As far as making use of it is concerned there is no doubt that it has greatly benefitted friends and the ladies [in particular]. Because of the plan of this book slowly and gradually the fundamental image of Homoeopathy was instilled in their minds and they are now fit to

² Saying attributed to the Prophet Muhammad.

³ *Homeopathy: Ilaj Bil Misl*, [*Homeopathy: "Like Cures Like"*], (1999, English: 2005). Videos.

benefit from it. Regarding the work on Homoeopathy Mr. Hafeez Bhatti and his wife and Mr. Aslam who is a voluntary worker in the office of the Private Secretary have made efforts to accomplish this work.

Although the glad tiding I had conveyed to the Jamat in the previous sermon about Gambia was exact and correct and the declaration of the Government of Gambia was presented before you word for word and the things I had said about the Maulvi were correct at the time and are also correct now. The *Mubahila* that broke upon him has indeed broken on him. The only difference [now] is that to show the world the government has made announcements about the Jamat which it did not want to make. It made the announcement as a result of the pressure from within Gambia and from outside and said that the actual decision of the Cabinet would be made to you in writing and the written declaration that has reached us is something else altogether. However we will not allow this and this process would be restarted. We shall inform the Jamats of the whole world of their old decision and of this new decision about which we have been informed in writing. We have given them a few days' notice. If the government of Gambia assures us that no such treatment would be meted out to the Ahmadis that has not happened in the last 37 years and that we would still have the facilities we had before, then we will return after this assurance. God has granted the Jamat a mature, and alert leadership, they cannot trick us in any way. Although Allah disgraced and humiliated this person who publicly accepted the *Mubahila* before everyone but I had hinted even at the time that there could be others backing him. We leave their case to God. The Gambian Ahmadis remain loyal to their country. Either the Gambian Ahmadis would see the Jamat triumph fully with the grace of God or they would be destined to wait like the Ahmadis of Pakistan. Just as the Pakistani Ahmadis are serving the country even more so than others are so would the Gambian Ahmadis. However if they are forced to act against the dictates of God then I am sure that they will be ready to offer all kinds of sacrifice.